

QUICK CARD: *CROSSING BOK CHITTO*



Reference	<i>Crossing Bok Chitto</i> , Tim Tingle. (2003) ISBN: 978-1933693200
Plot	When Martha Tom, the Choctaw Indian girl, crosses Bok Chitto River to pick berries for her mother, she meets Little Jo, the slave boy from the big plantation, thus beginning a friendship that frees them both.
Setting	The Bok Chitto River runs through Mississippi, once separating the free land of the Choctaw Indians and the slave state. The story straddles the two states and two cultures, slave and free. In Little Mo and Martha Tom's youth.
Characters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martha Tom, the Choctaw Indian girl • Little Mo, the son of a Mississippi slave • Martha Tom's mother • Little Mo's father, mother, and siblings
Conflict	Man vs. Society – Little Mo and his family flee their slave master and the society that would separate them. Man vs. Himself – Little Mo's family must overcome their fear to run away to freedom.
Theme	Freedom – Will Little Mo and his family cross the river to freedom? Where does true freedom originate? Martha Tom's life, too, was changed forever by the slave church meeting. Friendship – Will Martha Tom and her family help Little Mo? Courage – Will Little Mo find the stone pathway across the river and lead his family to freedom?
Literary Devices	<p>Rhyme and meter: "You move not too fast, not too slow, eyes to the ground, away you go!"</p> <p>Repetition: "Martha Tom had never heard music like this before, but it touched her deeply. Then something else touched her – on the shoulder." "Little Mo had never heard music like this before, but it touched him deeply. Then something else touched them both, on the shoulder. It was Martha Tom's mother!"</p> <p>Onomatopoeia – cackle, coo</p> <p>Simile – "Martha Tom knew her mother could cackle like a mad crow on the outside, while inside she would coo like a dove with love for her daughter."</p>

	<p>Demonstrates the contrast between appearances and reality. Likewise, Little Mo runs “quick as a bird,” denoting not only his speed but also his silence.</p> <p>Symbolism – Little Mo’s real name is Moses after the Old Testament prophet who led the enslaved Israelites out of Egypt and into the Promised Land.</p>
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